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Websites to Remember:

- MSL Genealogy – www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/index.shtml
- Vital Records Researcher Card- www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml
- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society— http://maineroots.org

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Genealogy Blogs, Newsletters and their Websites

Welcome once again to another edition of our newsletter! This time we're going to talk about blogs and newsletters of interest to genealogists. Here goes: As a fan of Family Tree Magazine, I just couldn't resist signing up for their "Insider", by Diane Haddad. The Genealogy News Corral has daily posts with illustrations and further links. You can connect to Family Tree University (an online learning community), and find out about back issues of the magazine, books and CDs. The tons of posts are categorized by month and then topic. Give it a look at: blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider .

Randall J. Seaver of Chula Vista, CA hosts "Genea-Musings", which includes research tips and techniques, news and commentary, stories and humor. One of the features is "Saturday Night Genealogy Fun"! The reader can access book reviews and popular posts, and there is even a way to create

your own blog through Google. Links are plentiful and varied, and word searchable; some selections include beginning tutorials, data portals, vital records online, census, military, immigration and naturalization, cemetery records, probate, land, newspapers, books, message boards and mailing lists, historical record collections, maps, online trees, Canadian genealogy, archives and repositories, and FamilySearch links aplenty! Try this one at: www.geneamusings.com .

Another major blog site is "Dear Myrtle", managed by Pat Richley-Erickson, "your friend in genealogy since 1995". She boasts over 1,500 members in her genealogy community, aided by GooglePlus. Myrtle provdes access to webinars, online meetings and lessons, and even goes live: check out 'Mondays with MYRT Hangout on Air'. A limited number can join and participate orally; all others can view, via YouTube. The sessions are archived as well. The one drawback I noted was that it's not easily searchable by subject. Take a look: www.blog.dearmyrtle.com.

One more to mention is at: www.genealogybank.com. This is a subscription site, but they do offer a free monthly newsletter that's useful for search tips. Lots of advertising, though!

There are many genealogy blogs and newsletters available-have fun with them, and Good Luck!

2014 National Genealogical Society Conference

This year's conference was held in Richmond. VA from May 7th through the 10th. I had the extraordinary opportunity to attend with over 2,500 other folks from all over the US! Speakers were no less than genealogy "rock stars"-nearly all the greats in the biz! Subjects were wide-ranging and all well-presented. One could choose to follow particular tracks, or just go to whatever was of interest. I decided not to limit myself, and took in topics such as Google searching, naturalization, family history writing, legal records, social media, genetic genealogy, land records, probate, genealogy periodicals and even "black sheep"! A bonus was getting to visit and actually use the Library of Virginia. I was delighted to meet Librarian and State Archivist Dr. Sandra Gioia Treadway, along with many people in the field. If you ever get the chance to attend a national conference, you'll find it an excellent learning experience!